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When Omaha boasts an automobile club it will give its rivals the horse laugh.

According to most reliable cable advices, Dewey day was not celebrated at all in Spain.

Chicago feels better now that St. Louis has been compelled to follow the Chifair for a year.

right." This adage applies as much to by the vote on the measure. the battle for equitable taxation as it does to any other conflict.

their own.

captured villages at every opportunity must be imbued with an ambition to maintain their record against that of the European invaders of a year ago.

Perhaps the true explanation of the postponement of the Louisiana Purchase exposition is the desire to give St. Louis a chance to finish up the job of exposing and unloading all the rest of its boodle municipal officers.

Secretary Shaw looks for the treasury surplus to continue in spite of the repeal of the war taxes and the stoppage of the revenue derived from them. If he were serving under a democratic administration he would have to fortify himself against a deficit.

If ex-Senator Hill is to have sole command and supervision over the democratic campaign in New York state this be depended on to be too busy to make be successful with the senate. any speeches in that part of the enemy's country should he be invited there.

There is a well-defined rumor that Joseph Bartley has taken a very deep interest in the reorganization of the Omaha police force and has served notice to this effect upon Chief of Police Donahue. It would seem that Mr. Bartley from being a financier is about to become a municipal reformer.

The city council knows how to expedite business when it wants to and billboard ordinance in five minutes by business that is most pressing.

If Omaha people would put a little less money in wildcat mining ventures and air-bubble oil schemes and more in substantial Omaha enterprises calculated to build up the city and furnish employment to wageworkers here at themselves as well as for the community.

It is just as important for the taxpayers to have the county assessment roll made up on equitable valuations of taxable property as it is to have the city assessment roll properly constructed. If the men who have been making the fight for tax reform are in earnest they will direct themselves to the county board in ample time for the impending county assessment.

A Manila paper takes direct issue with Governor Taft in his statement that the hope of orderly government in classes. It declares that the present untrustworthy and that our hope must and still unlearned in the arts of de- poleon as "the father of the French ception and scheming. This looks like army." It is therefore as a tribute to to go from Havana to any other port a hard choice,

THE RECIPROCITY TREATIES.

The decision of the senate committee on foreign relations to report favorably cept those with Argentine and with Great Britain pertaining to Jamaica. gress. This is a concession made by dependence. the senate to the house of representatives, in view of the claim of the house to the right to pass upon treatles which affect the revenue. Thus if these reciprocity treaties should be ratified by the senate they will still have to be favorably acted upon by the house of representatives before they can go into effect. However, the supporters of the reci-

procity policy, so strongly urged by the late President McKinley and fully apittances should proved by his successor, will be gratified at the action taken by the senate committee and will hope that it will result in putting these treaties into effect. Those to be favorably reported are the treatles with France, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Santo Domingo and the several British West India islands, with the exception of Jamaica. The treaty with Argentine was negatived mainly for the reason that a reduction of 20 per cent was provided for on hides, sugar and wool, while that with Jamaica also provides for a reduction of 20 per cent on sugar and admits free of duty fruits that come in competition with the fruits of Florida and California. The most important of these treaties is that with France and it has consequently encountered the greatest opposition. As a matter of fact, however, the United States gets better concessions under this treaty than are accorded to France .29,620 and there is every reason to believe that it would result in very materially benefiting our trade with France. It is by no means certain, however, that it will be ratified, since it will be as vigorously opposed now as heretofore by the interests which it affects and which are influential in congress.

### THE ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL.

passed the house is very likely to fail property has escaped taxation for a in the senate. It is said that Senator number of years, that fact does not con-Hoar, who has charge of the measure stitute an offset in the assessment of in the senate, has expressed an inclina- the corporations. Whatever hardship tion to drop the whole matter, and has been endured by excessive taxation should be determine to do this it is has not pinched them, but it has more than probable that no action will weighted down real estate to the point be taken on it in that body. There of confiscation and almost destroyed was some opposition to the proposed property values in Omaha. cago example and postpone its world's legislation in the house, but it was not | The supreme court has placed the taxgiven an opportunity to manifest itself, payers of Omaha in position to reduce though had it been it probably would the weight that now rests upon them, "Nothing is settled until it is settled have had no effect, as clearly indicated and we feel sure the rank and file of

With a laundry combine to screw up nature and possible effect of the pro- ment was at the ratio of 33 per cent. prices threatening them, the only thing posed legislation may be expected to The taxpaying citizens of Omaha do not for Chicago people to do is to retaliate receive more careful consideration and expect the city or the county board to by buying washboards and flat irons of thorough discussion in the senate than discriminate against the franchised cor- ances at all. was given it in the house, although in porations or to take undue advantage of the latter body it received a good deal Those Chinese rebels who are looting of attention. An elaborate report in the court; on the contrary they desire to favor of the bill was made by the chairman of the judiciary committee, which if not absolutely conclusive as an argument for the proposed legislation was certainly very strong. There was also a minority report pointing out the objections to the measure. These two reports showed that the subject had been pretty carefully considered in committee, but it was not discussed in the house as it will be in the senate if brought before that body.

The measure is supported and urged by organized labor, which it is intended to protect against injunctions under certain clearly defined conditions. The bill prohibits injunctions under some circumstances, as for example in the case of combinations of workingmen for a purpose that would be lawful and proper on the part of an individual. The passage of the bill by the house fall as forecasted. Colonel Bryan may was a victory for labor, but it may not

# IN HONOR OF ROCHAMBEAU.

There appears to be quite as much interest in France as in this country respecting the unveiling of the statue of Count Rochambeau, which will take place at Washington City on May 24. The French government will be repre sented on the occasion by a distinguished delegation, the members of which were addressed on Saturday by President Loubet, who spoke in the most cordial and friendly terms of the United States. The Paris press unhow to procrastinate when it wants to. doubtedly voices the general sentiment It can hold a special session to pass the of the French people in its references to the coming event, which seems to the watch, but it also manages to find be regarded as promising to strengthen insurmountable obstacles to transacting the good relations between the two republics.

Lafayette was the Frenchman whose memory is most revered by Americans, but Rochambeau did a service in the revolution that gave him a just claim to American gratitude. He came here purely as a military man, commanding the forces of French troops which home, they would accomplish more for France sent to our assistance. He appears to have been an excellent officer, who co-operated most heartfly with General Washington and who kept his soldiers in such a high state of discipline as to win from the Americans of that day a recantation of their belief that French troops were necessarily disturbing elements in a community trained up in the Puritan tradition. Rochambeau's chief claim to fame rests in Yorktown. He lived years after that, but his fortunes were not happy. The French court belittled his services. He was one of the last of the marshals of the old regime, tried to make head with raw and disaffected the Philippines lies in the educated troops against the enemies of France, fell under the suspicion of the terroreducated classes are treacherous and lats, was put in prison and narrowly escaped the guillotine, Rochambeau rest on educating those not educated lived until 1807 and was halled by Na-

Rochambeau should be regarded and change of business between ports, while

as such it is eminently appropriate. though it does not assure the ratifica- generous hospitality while in the United this it appears that Cuba is still in the shall have been approved by the con- dered by France in the struggle for in-

THE CAMPAIGN FOR TAX REFORM. The campaign for tax reform begun some months ago by the Real Estate exchange had for its main object the more equitable distribution of the local tax burdens that was to terminate in a

before the city council. cent as the standard of valuation, the corporations been compelled to pay on the same basis as other property returned for taxation.

It was the good fortune of the franchised corporations that no court had up to this year pronounced upon the validity of that part of the revenue law that allowed the bonded debt to be deducted from their total valuation for assessment. Now that the highest judicial tribunal has pronounced this provision unconstitutional, the corporations will have to fare the same as the owners of mortgaged real estate.

The decided increase in their assessment under the mandate of the court cannot be regarded as an oppressive imposition on them, but as a long-delayed relief of the other taxpayers. While it The anti-injunction bill which has is true that several millions of personal

taxpaying citizens will not countenance The influence, however, which was any scheme of compromise that does patent with the house will doubtless not assure a levy at least as low for this not be so strong in the senate and the year as it was in 1898, when the assessthem in the execution of the mandate of have them treated with the greatest liberality compatible with the instructions issued by the court. But any attempt to fain the foreign subsidies now paid. It is temporize and evade the plain letter of a curious fact that American capital is prethe law as construed by the court will simply mean a continuance of the fight without cessation in season and out of

It may be good tactics, politically speaking, for the popocrats to exert all of their influence to foist upon the republican party candidates whom they know to be the most unpoputar or vulnerable. For that reason it was good politics for every democratic and populistic paper from the World-Herald down to pray for the nomination of Governor Savage. For the same reason, doubtless, the World-Herald has projected James H. Van Dusen as its preferred republican candidate for governor. In justification of its impertinent intrusion as voluntary counsellor and monitor to the republicans of Douglas county the World-Herald declares that 'The Bee's policy is to oppose every man regardless of his claims who happens to have incurred the enmity of The Bee's World-Herald omits to state that the men who have incurred the enmity of The Bee have been men who proved themselves unworthy of a public trust or men whose records should bar them from all positions of honor and trust. But no rogue ere felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law," and in every instance where The Bee has opposed a tattooed candidate either for invariably been impugned and its op- now be well-nigh perfect. position ascribed to personal enmity and

The impression is sought to be con reyed that the billboard ordinance passed by the council as an excuse for repealing the preceding ordinance embodies regulations sufficient to control the billboard nuisance. There is nothing in the new ordinance, however, that regulates or represses anything, but simcity building inspector. All the dangerous rattle-trap fences that now fester our thoroughfares are to be left where they are and legalized indefinitely, while the license feature by its terms guarantees a practical monopoly to a single bill-posting concern. The repeal of the original billboard ordinance is a distinct backward step which Omaha should not

Extracts from a letter from General G. M. Dodge, well known as one of the pioneers of the Union Pacific, point out methods of imposing charges and doing business obstruct the development of the island in an almost prohibitive way. General Dodge asserts that it has never been known for a through car of freight

freight rates are from 12 to 25 cents a The delegation that will represent the ton per mile and passenger rates about

all the reciprocity treaties before it, ex- French government and people at the 10 cents a mile. Great expectations are for governor than John H. Mickey, nor will unveiling of the statue, at the head of laid that a new line now building from which is the commander-in-chief of the Havana to Santiago will break down was unexpected and gives promise of army, will receive the most cordial and these high-board railway tariffs. From tion of those treaties, each of which States. It will be an opportunity to stage of railway development of the will be amended so as to provide that show how gratefully the American peo- border days of our western states, but ernor, it shall not take effect until the same ple still feel for the great service ren- with a fair prospect of soon catching up. The development of its internal commerce must depend upon transportation large per cent of north Nebraska with him facilities rather than tariff concessions with other countries. The capitalists who work out a modern railroad system for Cuba can evidently do most for it just now.

> The Interstate Commerce commission material reduction of the tax rate. Such has issued accident bulletin No. 1, giva result was only possible through a ing a compilation of the statistics of substantial increase in the aggregate of railroad accidents for July, August and the assessment roll. That object should September of last year, made up from not be lost sight of in any program that the monthly reports of the railroads, Peter Mortensen of Ord would make an exmay be brought before the exchange returned under a new law enacted by for the final settlement of the issues now congress a year ago. While the totals exhibit the tremendous life risk on the In 1898, when the assessment of prop- railroads all the time, the most gratifyerty for city taxation was placed in the ing part of the bulletin is that showing hands of a single tax commissioner and a notable decrease in the accidents Tax Commissioner Sackett fixed 33 per arising from car couplings due as is pointed out to the introduction of autolevy was only 24 mills. In the year 1901 matic couplings and the improvement with a 40 per cent ratio the levy was 34 of the coupling devices. The estimate ably spoken of candidates for governor this ing on my charity?" mills. It goes without saying that last of the bulletin is that this class of fayear's levy could easily have been re- talities has been reduced at least oneduced to 30 mills even with the in- half within the past two years. Ancreased school tax had the franchised other feature perhaps of more interest with the things that tended to make the public is the money cost of railroad support where it was needed. \$600,000 a month in damage to cars, passed on the bulletin is the tardiness of its appearance since its contents lose much of their value by reason of being ernor.

so far behind date. Our diplomatic establishment in Cuba by the house will consist of a minister and two legation secretaries at the capital and a consul general at Havana Santiago. Cuba will also have to establish agencies in the United States to look after its relations with this country. For Cuba this experience will the state. be its first introduction in diplomatic circles, as heretofore Spain had always kindly performed that duty for it.

#### Science and Sentiment. Philadelphia Ledger.

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Nlagara a magnificent waterfall, while the former sees only a magnificent water power. Denials Follow the Squeal. Baltimore American. It is one of the oddest things in life how reporters as a class invariably misunder-

#### stand and misreport the men who get into trouble whenever they begin to talk.

It is a wonder that any confiding public man can be found willing to air his grievmerican Capital Controls St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Ninety-eight per cent of the 200 steam ships in the new trust are foreign built and, it is stated, will remain so in order to re-

### guessed. Capable of Great Deeds.

New York Sun. The billion and hundred million of dollars and more which the Boer war has humanity." On the other hand, the hero- timber. ism with which the Boers have defended their country is splendid evidence that human nature is capable of great deeds.

## Wealth in Thoroughbred Stock.

Minneapolis Tribune. A herd of Angus-Aberdeen cattle at the Omaha stock yards this week brought the highest prices ever paid for thoroughbred cattle at that point. Stockraisers and farmers all over the country appear to be waking up to the good business policy of breeding the higher grades of stock. scrub cow in a dairy will "eat her head off" every year and make her owner no richer, while a thoroughbred animal, if rightly managed, will pay good returns on her cost and keep.

## Philadelphia Record.

It is altogether delightful to note the effusive joy with which the Cubans extend hands of welcome to their elected president on his tour across the island. We can take some share in the transport with which the islanders look forward to the actual possession of the freedom for which they have longed because of our strong interposition in their behalf. Had we been as free to give them the benefit of our markets as we were to snatch them nomination or election its motive has from the grip of Spain our content would ciety of millionaires. The paper says that

## Give the Coal Trust a Turn.

Chicago Chronicle. In such a multitude of arrogant trusts it is difficult to say which is the most insolent, but just now it looks as though the hard coal trust was entitled to that distinction. To announce a monthly advance of 10 cents per ton for no other reason than "wo need the money" is perhaps the most cold-blooded proceeding yet accredited to any of monopoly's brood. Most of the trusts have the grace to soften their predaply a provision that new boards shall be tory operations by lying about increased built subject to the supervision of the expenses advanced wages or some such mendacity. The coal trust simply robs the consumer and tells him he is lucky that the robbery isn't twice as extensive.

#### A Pretty Story Spoiled. Chicago Tribune.

One cannot help suspecting that a great many of the witticisms attributed to distinguished men would, if truth had a hearing, reach the same final catastrophe in which Admiral Dewey has involved the one attributed to him in 1898. "Why did you buy so much coal?" cabled Bradford of the Bureau of Equipment in Washington. "To burn," replied Dewey from his flagship Olympia at Manila. This was the form the story took in its rounds through the press. that the railroads in Cuba and their Naturally, Bradford was annoyed. So, at untrue but persistent. Error, crushed to earth, will rise again. Finally, there has between the two admirals which sets the whole question at rest for ever. "There is no truth in the newspaper story," says Dewey, "no such telegram having passed "Bill Nye" and a collection of the French army that the statue to without change and that there is no ex- between Admiral Bradford and myself."

### FOR THE STATE TICKET.

York Times: There is no better candidate there be. Everybody can support him and be proud to do it.

Wausa Gazette: The more we consider the matter the more satisfied we are that man for the republican nomination for gov-

Wayne Herald: It looks as though Judge W. M. Robertson of Norfolk would have a in the race for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

Tekamah Journal: P. L. Rork attended central committee at Norfolk last week. He brings home very encouraging reports of the candidacy of W. G. Sears for gov-

Grand Island Independent: The best suggestion the Independent has yet observed in succeed Stuefer comes from the Burwell ing." Tribune and St. Paul Republican-that cellent treasurer.

Kearney Hub: There are a great many republicans who prefer that Hon, A. E. Cady should be the republican nominee for governor than a candidate for congress. The party needs one of its strongest and best known men as its candidate for governor and Mr. Cady would fill the bill completely.

Chagron Journal: One of the most favorfall on the republican ticket is Hon. W. M. Robertson of Norfolk, Mr. Robertson came to northern Nebraska in the early days and since that time has been closely identified to the railroad manager than to the state what it is today, always lending his

accidents which is computed for the Tekamah Journal: Hon. W. D. Haller of period considered to be approximately Blair is mentioned by the Washington county papers as a candidate for the republican nomination for lieutenant govengines and roadway alone, to say noth- ernor. The republican party could hunt a ing of indemnity for the injuries of long time and not find as good a man as victims. The chief criticism to be "Bill" Haller. Mr. Haller's candidacy, the Journal is confident, will not be used by him to in any way prejudice the candidacy of Burt's candidate, W. G. Sears, for gov-

Norfolk News: The supporters of W. M. Robertson for governor are growing in number and the enthusiasm inspired by his under the provisions of the bill passed name is increasing in intensity and fervor. Commendatory words come from all parts of the state and the indications are that by the time the convention meets in June he will have a walkaway for the position. and a consul each at Clenfuegos and Such an outcome would please his friends immensely and they would take off their, coats and work with a will for his election. knowing that their efforts would result in making a governor who would be a credit to

York Times: Hon. J. H. Mickey, being the only candidate for governor in this ernors are made of. He served bravely in place, he turned to him and said: There is not much sympathy between the army, and afterward settled on a farm science and sentiment. The latter sees at near Osceols, where he has lived nearly thirty-five years. He has been liberal with his money, but has made a good deal, and so has plenty left. He is an upright, suc- putians." cessful man and has had some legislative experience, though he has been very little in politics. He was in the legislature when a leading supporter of the measure.

Atkinson Graphic: Several republican Graphic credit for launching a governorship Graphic has done nothing of the kind it has seen a pleasure to note the res an error which we haven't time to trace to its source, but we have a lurking suspicion or a foot and \$60 a month for those who that some of the Platte country congres- bave lost both a foot and a hand. dominant in such a venture and the final sional aspirants could tell all about it. results of the investment cannot even be now that he is not a candidate for any of them, but is in the race for congress for feet receive but \$72 a month, keeps. The people of the Sixth district need him to represent them in Washington and that is where they are going to send cost England recalls grimly Kruger's him. So call off your little ruse, gentleprophecy that the conflict would "stagger men, and look elsewhere for gubernatorial

## PERSONAL NOTES.

M. Gerome's gigantic eagle for the battlefield of Waterloo is to occupy the place Paris, which will open on May 1.

Casimir M. Chodzinski of Warsew, Poland, plaster of paris cast of his design for a statue of Thaddeus Kosciusko, which is to be placed in one of the parks of that city.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale has the distinction of being the oldest prominent American author since the death of Thomas Dunn English. Colonel Thomas Wentworth stantly grace the grandstand with his dis-Higginson, who comes next, will be 80 in tinguished presence. December.

George P. Sherman, one of the oldest citizens of Milwaukee, was an eye-witness of the triumphal pageant in New York at the time of Lafayette's last visit to this country. He is also one of the few men now living that heard the famous Webster-Hayne debate in 1830 at Washington.

A medical journal printed in Philadelphia raises the question of Cecil Rhodes' sanity, basing doubt on the South African millionaire's idea of founding a world unity by syndicating all nations in a secret sosuch a notion "has something of an insane quality in it." Mounted on a "single-footer," Mr. Shaw

secretary of the treasury, goes for a ride nearly every afternoon. The animal's gait is so smooth that the rider gets about as much exercise as though he was swinging in a hammock. But then the secretary on such trips looks more like a man doing his duty than out for a pleasure ride.

Colonel "Abe" Gruber, the New York man-about-town, entered a swell Gotham luncheon. After waiting a long time he sas and Tennessee. Of late it has been norestaurant with some friends and ordered called an attendant and asked him how weeks," was the reply. "Oh, then you are in the "wet." This was due to the enterlong he had been employed there. "Two not our walter," said the hungry patron. prise and energy of the Arkanass and Ten-"We gave our orders about three weeks

Mr. Rhodes is one of the few men who is intended for the market place of that has been opened within or along their bortown.

It is related of Finley Peter Dunne, the creator of the famous "Mr. Dooley," that while visiting at the home of E. C. Benelast, was Dewey. The story was not only dict, the New York banker, his attention was called to the fact that his host's collection of books was lacking in representabeen published a recent exchange of letters tive American humorists. Mr. Dunne volunteered to make Mr. Benedict a gift of what he lacked. Not long afterward Mr. Benedict received by mail a volume of Bryan's campaign speeches.

### BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Scenes and Incidents Observed on the Spot.

Just now social Washington is on tip toe over a charity garden party and basar scheduled to come off at the Spanish legation. Ladies high in official circles are to Judge Robertson of Norfolk is the right take leading parts in the affair, costumed as flower girls, eigarette peddlers, bartenders and venders of hot tamales. Thirteen inches from the turf is the rule for skirts-which lends picturesque excitement to the event.

Among the young women in the Navy department is one who includes among her duties that of indexing the official mail the meeting of the republican congressional signed by Mr. Darling, assistant secretary of the navy. She is gifted with a real sense of humor, which aids her in overcoming the monotony of her work. The other day she was chatting with some female acquaintances and one of them asked what her duties were. "Oh, I don't do the matter of selecting a state treasurer to much, but read a lot of letters signed 'Darl-Her friends made desperate efforts to find out who the enamored swain was, but the young clerk with admirable simulation of coyness refused to give details.

> Senator Stewart, who has been in Wash ington for many years, has an old negro retainer who comes around twice a week for some money. He made his regular bl-weekly call the other day. The senator gave him a dollar and said:

> "Jim, I'm getting tired of this sort of business. You are an able-bodied man. Why don't you go to work instead of liv-''Deed, boss," said Jim, repreachfully, 'you ain't the kind o' man to be askin' me to go to wuk now, is you? Why, boss,

it's too hot to wuk." "Well." snorted Senator Stewart, "I either.

"In de wintah, boss?" in great astonishment. "Why, boss, you mus' be crazy! It's fah too col' to wuk in de wintah."

One Sunday morning on emerging from church he found outside the door a boy wearing the uniform of a High school cadet. The lad's blouse was unbuttoned and he stood in rather a slouchy attitude. that the way to wear your blouse?" inquired the chief magistrate sharply. "Why blushed, buttoned up his blouse and stood up straight, whereupon Roosevelt nodded obtain their capital by issuing stock rather his approval and strode away.

Senator Teller was called from his seat in congress a few days ago to meet two political friends from his home state, re- rectness of their view. The tendency has ports the Washington Post. The visitors were very tall men and they had to stoop bonds, and to hold that property taxable in in order to converse with the senator, who is a man not above medium height. While taxable when converted into a bond is the three were engaged in conversation manifestly absurd. Senator Spooner, who, with the exception of Simon of Oregon, is the shortest member has declared the provision in question null congressional district, is entitled to the of the senate, passed through the marble and void, and held that corporations must support of the entire district, and probably room. He took in the group with an ex- pay taxes in proportion to the value of will get the most of it. He is about the pression of great interest upon his face, and their entire property, the same as other kind of stuff good runners and good gov- when his colleague had returned to his owners of property. The value of intangi-"Do all the men from your state grow

as tall as that?" "Oh, no," responded Teller, "those were exceptions. They belong to the Lill-

The queerest lobby that has been seen about the capitol in years is trying to secure the passage of the Gallinger bill. It papers throughout the state have given the of the pension committees the "limping If actual cash value was not used by the lobby," as it is called by the irreverent boom for Hon. M. P. Kinkaid. While the capitol employes, makes its appearance. Board of Equalization must take the proof securing additional other papers, several of which are now to those permanently crippled in the war. booming Kinkaid for governor under the The Gallinger bill, as reported in the senimpression that he is a candidate. This is ate, provides a pension of \$45 a month for in the Chicago tax case. those veterans who have lost either a hand

There are now 158 veterans living who There is no state office too good for Mr. lost both hands or arms during the war. Kinkaid, but we may as well state right They receive a pension of \$100 a month, while the seventeen veterans who lost both

> Representative Burkett of Nebraska was formerly an lowan, and he well remembers his first visit to the state of which he is now a citizen. "When I was a boy," said Mr. Burkett

to a Washington Post man, "I was a great base ball crank. I was the catcher on the nine of the Missouri Valley college, and we went over to Nebraska to play against Hubby No. 2—1s that so? No wonder he base ball crank. I was the catcher on the we went over to Nebraska to play against a nine in the Tri-State league. Iowa was of honor at the Champs Elysees salon, of Blair, where we made our first appearance, liquor was plentiful. Our nine, I am sorry to say, yielded to temptation. When will arrive in Chicago next meath with a the game was called I was the only sober man in the party. I remember that the shortstop, in trying to stop a grounder, fell down and did not get up for twenty minutes. When the score stood 76 to 0 against us, we gave up."

Mr. Burkett has never lost his love for the game, and may be relied upon to con-

Senator Platt of Connecticut was building a house. He had occasion to hire a carpenter, who was a plain, unvarnished son of New England. "You know all about carpenter work"

asked Senator Platt. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "You can make windows, doors and blinds?"

"Ob, yes, sir." "How would you make a Venetian blind?" The man thought steadily for several minutes. "I think," he remarked finally,

'that I would punch him in the eye." SCATTERING A WHISKY FLEET,

### Fate of Philanthropists Who Sough Chicago Inter-Ocean.

prohibition countles in Mississippi border the Mississippi river. Several other counties that have no prohibition laws also border it. There are no severe restrictions upon the liquor traffic in Arkanticed that there was more drunkenness in the "dry" river countles of Mississippi than nessee bumboat men.

But only in part. Another reason why there has been more drunkenness in the "dry" river countles than in the "wet" is bave had statues in their lifetime. Many that the thirst has been greater in the forwill no doubt be erected to him now that mer than in the latter. Whisky being on he is dead, but meanwhile a colossal figure in bronze of the maker of South Africa is standing in the studio of John Tweed of Chelses, London. It was executed to the order of the citizens of Buluwayo, and the order of the citizens of Buluwayo, and the content of the market place of that

ders. This will not appear either new or strange to the people of Iowa or Kansas, who have had an opportunity to observe the workings of what seems to be a universal law-that the appetite for liquor grows with the difficulty experienced in satisfying it.

At all events the bumboats of the lower Mississippi have paid particular attention to the "dry" counties, and the business William J. of quenching their thirst has expanded until its demands require the service of

an organized fleet, consisting of eraft poculiar to the lower stretches of the Father of Waters. One of these fleets, under the command of "Admiral" R. B. Cook, has just been attacked and scattered by the sheriff of Coahomo county, Mississippi. The flagship, Shamrock III, Jersey Woods commander, has been seized. The flagship will probably be sold to satisfy a tax of \$1.500, the fines and miscellaneous costs of

court. "Admiral" Cook and "Commander" Jersey Woods will probably be compelled to work out their fines on the levees. The consorts of the flagship that succeeded in getting over the state line are, of course, exempt from the jurisdiction of the sheriff Coahomo.

It is pleasing to learn that in this paval engagement no blood was aptilled. It does not appear either from the dispatches that any whisky was spilled. The sheriff of Conhomo has vindicated the majesty of the law in this instance, but he will not prevent other whisky fleets from returning The risk may be great, but the profits are tempting.

The people of the river countles of Mississippi are not very different from the people of New York City when there is a drouth. If they are denied the privilege of slaking their thirst in one way, they slake it in another.

### FRANCHISE TAXATION.

#### importance of the Decision Rendered by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Chicago Post.

There is reason for believing that the great decision of the Illinois supreme court in the famous suit against the State Board of Equalization contributed not a little toward the victory of the people of Omaha over the local public service corporations. The Nebraska case, from one point of view. baven't seen you work in the winter any, is more striking than our own, for in Hitnois the constitution and the revenue law are in perfect harmony. All that our courts had to decide was whether the state board had performed its duty under the law and the constitution. They held that the President Roosevelt apparently knows no assessments of franchises and capital stock moment of relief from the strenuous life. had been so unreasonably low as to justify the imputation of fraud, and directed new assessments.

In Nebraska, it seems, the revenue law permits capital stock corporations to de-"Is duct the amount of their bonded indebtedness from the fair or full market value of their property, including franchises, for don't you look neat and smart?" The boy taxation purposes. This rule prevails in certain eastern states, where corporations than by borrowing. Enlightened students of corporate finance have regarded this rule as inequitable and unreasonable, and recent developments have demonstrated the corbeen toward the conversion of stocks into the form of a share of stock ceases to be

At any rate the Nebraska supreme court ble property is to be determined by taking for a basis or index the market value of the capital stock. No other indicis of value are

named. The court has granted a writ of manda mus requiring the city council of Omaha to reconvene as a board of equalization and reassess the street railway, gas, water, electric light and telephone companies. the Slocum liquor law was enacted and was is composed of veterans of the civil war There must be no discrimination; the propand every one of the members is minus erty of the corporations is not to be taxed either an arm or a leg. Every meeting day at a higher rate than property generally. assessors as a basis for assessment, the There are fully fifty veterans engaged in portion or percentage that was used and bring up to the same level all property falling below it. This direction accords with the doctrines of the circuit court opinion

# LIGHT AND AIRY THOUGHTS.

Philadelphia Press: "How were the pres-"i wasn't at the wedding, but I'm sure she didn't get many."
"How do you know?"
"She practically admitted it. She told me she didn't get any duplicates at all."

Washington Post: "Do you remember said Mrs. Grumps, "when you asked me

"Yes," said Mr. Grumps.
"And I said 'Yes?"
"I remember it. We both always did talk too much.

Chicago Tribune: Telephone Girl-I didn't understand you. Say it again.
Irate Clitzen (who has been trying for five minutes to secure her attention)—I wasn't saying anything. I was grinding my teeth.

Philadelphia Bulletin: "Don't you my daughters voice has money in it fessor?"
"Money, madame? Yes, yes. Oh, much money—much. Only leave her to me, madame, and I'll prove it."
And he did prove it, to his own satisfaction, at the rate of \$2 a lesson. Chicago Post: "She says she'll have to have a new bonnet before she can sing in

have a new bonnet before she can sing in the choir."
"Well?"
"Well, he says that she'll have to sing in the choir to get the money for a new bon-

Puck: She-Tell your mother I'm so sorry I haven't been to see her lately; but the distance is so great and the weather has been so bad, I haven't dared venture.

He-That's all right. Don't mention it, she'd be very sorry if you had.

Chicago Post: "Yes," he said, "I am a self-made man." "But, my dear sir," returned the other, "why are you so anxious to reflect on your man-making ability?"

## JOHNNY'S HISTORY LESSON.

Nixon Waterman in Saturday Evening Post. Nixon Waterman in Saturday Evenii
I think, of all the things at school
A boy has got to do,
That studyin histry, as a rule,
Is worst of all, don't you?
Of dates there are an awful sight,
An' though I study day an' night,
There's only one I've got just right.
That's fourteen ninety-two. just right-

Columbus crossed the Delaware In fourteen ninety-two;
We whipped the British, fair an' square,
In fourteen ninety-two.
At Concord an 'at Lexington
We kept the red-coats on the run
While the band played "Johnny Get Your
Can."

In fourteen ninety-two. Pat Henry, with his dyin' breath-In fourteen ninety-two-Said, "Girnme liberty or death!" In fourteen ninety-two.

In Barbara Fritchte, so 'the said, ried, 'Shoot if you must this old, gray

head, But I'd rather 'twould be your own in-stead'." In fourteen ninety-two.

In fourteen ninety-two. Miss Pocahontas saved the life. Miss Pocahontas saved the life.
In fourteen ninety-two.
Of John Smith, an' became his wife.
In fourteen ninety-two.
An' the Smith tribe started then an' there,
An' now there are John Emiths everywhere,
But they didn't have any Smiths to spare.
In fourteen ninety-two.

Kentucky was settled by Daniel Boone In fourteen ninety-two, An' I think the cow jumped over the moon

In fourteen ninety-two.

Ben Franklin flew his kite so high
He drew the lightnin' from the sky
An' Washington couldn't tell a lie
In fourteen ninety-two.